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TAGS: OVIP, US, NI

SUBJECT: OBASANJO VISIT

REF: LAGOS 9065

1. YOU MAY INFORM GARBA THAT TIMING OF OBASANJO'S ARRIVAL IN THE US IS PRIMARILY A MATTER FOR FMG TO DECIDE. SHOULD OBASANJO WISH TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AREA LATE AFTERNOON/ EARLY EVENING OF OCTOBER 10 (DAY BEFORE OFFICIAL WELCOME BY PRESIDENT), YOU MAY SAY THAT HE WILL BE WELCOMED AT AIRPORT BY APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIAL. FYI: IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT SECRETARY VANCE WOULD GREET OBASANJO ON ARRIVAL BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT. END FYI.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, OBASANJO CAN OVERNIGHT IN PHILADELPHIA
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OR OTHER PLACE OF HIS LIKING (WILLIAMSBURG IS FREQUENTLY USED AND CHARLESTON IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY). DEPARTMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL WELCOME BUT CAN NOT AT THIS TIME COMMIT ITSELF TO WELCOME BY A STATE GOVERNOR.

3. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY CITING NYERERE VISIT, EMBASSY MAY

PRESENT ITS FACTS AS MODEL. NYERERE ARRIVED ANDREWS AIR

FORCE BASE FROM OTTAWA LATE AFTERNOON OF DAY BEFORE FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE WAS MET BY PROTOCOL OFFICIALS AND SPENT NIGHT AT BLAIR HOUSE. THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT THE FOLLOWING DAY.

4. GIVEN FMG AGREEMENT TO OCTOBER 11-12 FOR WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT AND TO HAVING NEW YORK ACTIVITIES FOLLOW RATHER THAN PRECEDE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, DOES OBASANJO STILL INTEND TO DEPART US OCTOBER 14 OR WILL VISIT BE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15 OR LATER? VANCE

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